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Remains is shown
my & seemed ghastlier ^{C23} than ever &
from the walls, & only a few cracks faintly visible are to be found.

The roof is uninjured except one rafter - broken.

The Kitchen chimney was carefully examined by the Insurance Agent & others before a fire was built & all pronounced it perfectly safe. So also it seemed to me. But I had Morgan's man out today to measure it

^{C13}
At old Home May 2
Darling I've been busy cleaning up the rooms with A. H. Sun. Yours looks all right now. The shakely mantel had simply fallen off like a postage stamp stuck with poor masticage. The same fate befel the mantel in my bedroom; all the others both up & down stairs are all right & strange to say not a single inch of plaster has fallen

For a galvanized iron top
to make things doubly safe.
It will be put on tomorrow.
The gaps in the roof where
the chimneys are broken
off, I'll get mended as
soon as possible. Then
all will be snug as
far as rain is concerned.
I am dreading about new
chimneys etc. - ^{they are delicious, but growing scarce.}
In Martinez the Bank,
Library & Bergamini
buildings are badly wrecked.
The crops are looking fine
everywhere, & this looks
fairly paradisaical.
Ever loving Father.

It seems to me that the weather is much better than it was some days ago.